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### **OPGS News**

**Free Service for Nonprofits.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services (OPGS)* provides nonprofit and government representatives with funding information at its Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC). This computer center provides access to funding databases, as well as the Internet. Staff is available to provide information on additional resources. The GIRC is located at John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 324. To schedule an appointment, contact Eric McIntrye at (202) 727-8900.

# **Federal Opportunities**

Humanities Initiatives for Faculty at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU). National

Endowment for the Humanities seek to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at HBCUs and to enhance the humanities content of existing programs. Funds are available to enhance the humanities content of existing programs, develop new programs, or lay the foundation for more extensive endeavors in the future. Project must be organized around a core topic or set of themes.

**Eligibility:** Public and state controlled institutions of higher education and private institutions of higher education.

**Deadline:** January 15, 2009. **Funds:** Awards up to \$100,000.

<u>Information:</u> (202) 606-8500 or <u>education@neh.gov</u>; or go to: http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/hifacultyhbcu.html.

GrantID: GD3072

Humanities Initiatives for Faculty at Institutions with High Hispanic Enrollment. National Endowment for the Humanities announces funds to strengthen and enrich humanities education and scholarship at institutions with high Hispanic enrollment and to enhance the humanities content of existing programs. Funds are available to enhance the humanities content of existing programs, or lay the foundation for more extensive endeavors in the future. Project must be organized around a core topic or set of themes.

Eligibility: Public and state controlled institutions of higher education and private institutions of higher education.

**Deadline:** January 15, 2009. **Funds:** Awards up to \$100,000.

<u>Information:</u> (202) 606-8500 or <u>education@neh.gov</u>; or go to:

http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/hifacultyhsi.html.

**GrantID:** GD3069

**Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students.** *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to provide financial assistance to full-time, financially needy students from disadvantaged backgrounds, enrolled in health professions and nursing programs at an accredited school of medicine.

**Eligibility:** Public and state controlled institutions of higher education and private institutions of higher education.

**Deadline:** December 15, 2008.

Funds: \$9,733,000 is available to fund 450 awards.

**Information:** Andreina Stampone at (301) 443-1701 or CallCenter@HRSA.GOV; or go to:

https://grants.hrsa.gov/webExternal/FundingOppDetails.asp?FundingCycleId=C30FD6C8-4EBB-4A86-84AD-3683214BBDB0&ViewMode=EU&GoB.

GrantID: GD3074

# **District Opportunities**

**Electronic Grants Clearinghouse.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grant Services* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <a href="http://opgs.dc.gov/">http://opgs.dc.gov/</a>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.



District Agency	<b>Funding Opportunity</b>	Deadline
Department of Health (DOH)	Nutrient Services and Asthma Education	December 1, 2008 at 4:45 p.m.
Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE)	FY 2009 Charter Schools Program Dissemination Grant	December 1, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.
Department of Health (DOH)	FY 2009 Ryan White Part A Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA)-Wide Grant	December 2, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.
Department of Human Services (DHS)	FY 2009 Home Visits to TANF Customers	December 8, 2008, at 3:00 p.m.
Department of Human Services (DHS)	District of Columbia Fatherhood Initiative/Community Access Program (DCFI/CAP)	December 19, 2008, at 3:30 p.m.
Office on Aging (DCOA)	FY 2009 Mini-Challenge Grants: Aging in Place	December 19, 2008, at 5:00 p.m.
Department of Health (DOH)	Chronic Care Initiative	December 23, 2008, at 4:45 p.m.
Department of Small and Local Business Development (DSLBD)	Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP)	Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

# **Foundation**

**Business and Communities Grants Program**. *The Hitachi Foundation* seeks to develop partnerships with organizations that enable economically challenged people to retain and advance in their jobs, earn living wages, and accumulate savings and assets. The Foundation's grantmaking strategy is aimed at enhancing opportunity and quality of life for economically isolated people.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: Open for Letters of Inquiry.

**Information:** http://www.hitachifoundation.org/grants/guidelines/index.html.

GrantID: GD3071

**Environment Programs**. *Environmental Support Center* is accepting applications for training and technical-assistance to strengthen environmental organizations in the following areas: fund raising; organizational development; and planning. Organizations serving low-income or minority constituencies that have environmental issues as a significant part of the organization's agenda are encourage to apply.

Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: December 1, 2009.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$3,500-\$5,000.

**Information:** (202) 331-9700 or general@envsc.org; or go to: http://www.envsc.org.

GrantID: GD3067

**Physh Ed Grants**. *The Future Fisherman Foundation* provides support to schools to design and deliver high quality, standards-based fishing related programming as a part of their daily curriculum. Grants are available to incorporate fishing and boating activities into the broader activities of classrooms.

**Eligibility:** Independent school districts and individuals.

**Deadline:** January 19, 2009. **Funds:** Awards up to \$2,500.

**Information:** http://www.futurefisherman.org/programs/physh\_ed/grants.html.

GrantID: GD3070

**Social Change Projects**. *Ben & Jerry's Foundation* supports grassroots organizations throughout the U.S. that facilitate progressive social change. Applicants shall demonstrate that their projects will lead to societal, institutional, and/or environmental change; address the root causes of social or environmental problems; and lead to new ways of thinking and acting. Projects must facilitate leadership development and strengthen the self-empowerment efforts of those who have traditionally been disenfranchised in our society.



Eligibility: Nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: Open date for applications.

Funds: Awards range from \$1,000-\$15,000.

Information: http://www.benjerry.com/foundation/.

**GrantID:** GD3073

**Tourism Grant Program**. *Tourism Cares* is dedicated to preserving the travel experience for future generations. Funds are available to support projects that focus on capital improvements that conserve, preserve, or restore sites of exceptional cultural, historic, or natural significance. An additional focus area is the education of local host communities and the traveling public about the preservation of exceptional sites.

**Eligibility:** Nonprofit organizations.

Deadline: January 30, 2009.

**Funds:** Awards range from \$10,000-\$100,000.

**Information:** http://www.tourismcares.org/RelId/606053/ISvars/default/Worldwide\_Grant\_Program.htm.

GrantID: GD3068

## **Previous Announcements and Resources**

### **Announcements**

**2009** SeaWorld/Busch Gardens Environmental Excellence Awards. SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund recognizes outstanding efforts of students and teachers across the U.S. who works at the grassroots level to protect and preserve the environment. Projects must be sponsored by a school group such as a grade level, classroom, or club. The deadline for applications is November 28, 2008. Approximately 8 projects will be selected and receive \$10,000; an all-expenses-paid trip for three students and one adult leader to a SeaWorld or Busch Gardens park for a special awards event; 100 T-shirts to share with their school and community partners; and an award trophy and participation certificate for the project leader. For further information, go to: <a href="http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/projects\_Awards.html">http://www.swbg-conservationfund.org/projects\_Awards.html</a>.

**2008 Leadership Awards.** *The Women's Foundation* is seeking emerging and innovative nonprofit organizations working to positively impact the health and safety of women and girls in Washington, D.C., Northern Virginia and Montgomery or Prince George's counties. Approximately 10 recipients will be chosen and receive \$10,000; and technical assistance as part of The Women's Foundation's "beyond the check" support to area nonprofits. In addition, an online voting process open to the public will result in two additional awards of \$5,000 each: one as an additional award to one of the 2008 award recipients, and the second, in honor of The Women's Foundation's 10th anniversary, to one of the Leadership Awardees from the past 10 years. The deadline for all 2008 nominations is November 18, 2008 at 5 p.m. For further information, go to: <a href="http://thewomensfoundation.org/join-us/become-a-grantee-partner/funding-opportunities/#leadership.">http://thewomensfoundation.org/join-us/become-a-grantee-partner/funding-opportunities/#leadership.</a> Any questions can be directed to Nicole Cozier, Philanthropic Education Officer, The Women's Foundation, at <a href="mailto:ncozier@wawf.org">ncozier@wawf.org</a>.

**Outstanding Young Leaders Honored.** *Nestle USA* honors young people between 13 and 18 years of age who have excelled in school and are making their community and the world a better place. Nominees should have strong backgrounds in citizenship, school, community involvement, and reading. Honorees will be featured in a special publication and honored at a ceremony in Los Angeles, CA, in the summer of 2009. The deadline to submit nominations is November 20, 2008. Approximately 25 awards for \$1,000 will be donated in the name of each winner to the charity of his or her choice. For further information, go to: http://www.nestle-verybestinyouth.com/.

**Terri Lynne Lokoff/Children's Tylenol National Child Care Teacher Awards.** *The Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation* acknowledges the critical role of child care teachers in providing quality early care and education. Child care teachers from all fifty states and the District of Columbia will be selected for their commitment and dedication to the children they serve. Each applicant is asked to design an enhancement project for the children in their classroom illustrating the educational, social, and emotional benefits of the project. The deadline for



applications is December 31, 2008. Approximately 50 awardees will receive \$500 - \$1000 as a stipend acknowledging each child care teacher's special dedication and \$500 to fund the classroom enhancement project they designed. One recipient will receive the Helene Marks Award and an additional \$1,000. Winners will be honored at an awards ceremony in Pennsylvania on April 1, 2009. For further information, go to: http://www.tllccf.org/pr\_nccta.php.

The Washington Post Award for Excellence in Nonprofit Management. The Center for Nonprofit Advancement recognizes outstanding management practices in the nonprofit sector with this annual award. The award rewards management competence, recognizes innovation and promotes sustainable best practices that lead to excellence in nonprofit management. Eligible applicants include any 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in the Washington metropolitan area, which is defined as: <a href="District of Columbia">District of Columbia</a>; <a href="Maryland: Anne Arundel">Maryland: Anne Arundel</a>, Calvert, Charles, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery, St. Mary's and Prince George's counties; <a href="Virginia">Virginia</a>: Arlington County, City of Alexandria, City of Fairfax, Fairfax County, City of Falls Church, Fauquier County, Loudoun County, City of Manassas, Manassas Park, Prince William County, and Stafford County. The competition is also open to any member of the Center for Nonprofit Advancement. The deadline for applications is December 8, 2008. The Award includes a cash grant of \$10,000 and a scholarship to Georgetown University's Center for Public and Nonprofit Leadership's Nonprofit Management Executive Certificate Program. To apply online, go to: <a href="http://web.raffa.com/WashingtonPostAward/">http://web.raffa.com/WashingtonPostAward/</a>. For further information or to access the paper application, go to: <a href="http://www.nonprofitadvancement.org/newsletter1852/newsletter\_show.htm?doc\_id=707817">http://www.nonprofitadvancement.org/newsletter1852/newsletter\_show.htm?doc\_id=707817</a>. Any questions can be directed to Susan Sanow, Deputy Executive Director for Programs, Center for Nonprofit Advancement, (202) 457-0540 or <a href="mailto:susans@nonprofitadvancement.org">susans@nonprofitadvancement.org</a>.

#### **Tools**

Effective Practices for Engaging At-Risk Youth in Service. *Youth Service America* announces a new publication designed to provide an overview of the underlying theory and effective practices for promoting service-learning for young people. Public officials, youth service and service-learning practitioners and teachers, researchers, and others whose mission is to plan and implement community service programs for youth will find this guide helpful. To review and download a copy, go to: <a href="http://tools.ysa.org/downloads/modules/Engaging\_At-Risk Youth">http://tools.ysa.org/downloads/modules/Engaging\_At-Risk Youth</a> in Service.pdf.

New IRS 403(b) Requirements. *Mike Sorrells from Cherry, Bekaert, & Holland, L.L.P* provides a brief overview of the preparations needed to meet the new IRS 403 (b) requirements. The new IRS reporting and compliance regulations for 403(b) retirement plans will take effect on January 1, 2009. Most tax exempt employers and employees are aware that the 403(b) plan offers a significant vehicle for retirement savings. Unlike the 401(k) plan commonly used in the for-profit environment, 403(b) arrangements have never been regulated or subject to the same level of scrutiny by the government. However, this will soon change. For plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2009, 403(b) plans that are subject to ERISA will need to comply with the same annual reporting requirements as other tax advantaged (qualified) plans. For further information, go to: http://www.cbh.com/bulletin-403bplan.php.

**Volunteering in American.** *Corporation for National and Community Services (CNCS)* announces a website initiative that provides an in-depth look at volunteering trends, statistics, tools, and resources throughout the U.S. The website provides insight into who is volunteering, what types of volunteer activities they're doing, and what motivates them to begin and sustain their service. Comprehensive information on volunteering in all 50 states and 162 cities across the country is provided. Users can assess how states and cities rank by volunteer rates and volunteer hours, as well as other factors related to volunteering. For further information, go to: <a href="http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/">http://www.volunteeringinamerica.gov/</a>.

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